

## PERSONAL MENTION.

Brother Keim reports some success in his canvass for the school.

Brother S. W. Metsker of Bond, Kan., certainly speaks very encouragingly.

There is good news reported from Vinco, Pa., but the writer omitted giving his name.

Goshen, Ind., reports a good meeting with eleven accessions. Preaching by Brother I. N. Miller.

New students are coming in and the prospects are bright for a good attendance, which means a successful term.

Brother J. M. Tombaugh is at Ashland, and will remain about a week. The new catalogue is being prepared and will be issued soon.

Please note the item from Salem, Oregon, by Brother Partch. He gives a kind invitation to the Brethren, and especially to ministers.

At this writing, students and teachers are returning from their brief vacation, ready for a long term of hard work at Ashland University.

Brother R. Teeter reports a very interesting Sunday school at Downs, Kansas. We do not remember sending any of our literature to the above named place. Is your's a new school, brother? Should you not give our literature a trial?

Brother J. H. Burnworth writes that five were recently baptized in the Falls City church, and one more to baptize on New Year. He also states that Brother A. J. Henson will hold a series of meetings for them about the first of the year.

Last week we invited the readers of the EVANGELIST to read the very encouraging news from Brother J. F. Koontz, Conemaugh, Pa., but through an error the report did not appear. We print it this week; it is still good news.

Sister Musselman, Williamson, Pa., reports a very interesting meeting at their place by Brother Joshua Long. Nineteen accessions—fifteen by baptism, two by relation and two reclaimed. The walls of Jerico (sin) will always yield to the faith of Joshua.

The one first, great, important fact which every lost sinner needs to learn, and know, is that God loves you! You may doubt it, disbelieve it, or deny it, but yet it is true. God loved the world; and while men were yet sinners he loved them so much that he gave the life of his own son to save them.

## THE NEW YEAR.

We have come now to the beginning of a new year. The year just closed has been to every one a year of opportunities. Each day we have come up to doors that stood open, inviting us to nobleness, to usefulness, to worth. Have we entered it? What doors have shut upon us to open no more? What opportunities have we neglected? What blessings have we rejected? What good have we missed? What mercies have we despised? Have the paths we traveled been straight paths or crooked? Does the recalling of them now give satisfaction or regret, joy or pain? Did we live a diligent life during the past year? Have we been industrious, doing our best every day? Or have we wasted golden hours and minutes? Have we lived a useful, hopeful life or have we lived selfishly? Have we helped any one in need? Have we carried blessing to any one in sorrow or trial?

Of course the past is irrevocable and it may seem idle to vex ourselves in thinking about opportunities which, once neglected, are now gone forever. But the future remains. We have now entered upon a new year. It too will have its opportunities, which if accepted and improved, will fit us for noble, useful living. Shall we not learn wisdom from the irrevocable past? Shall we not look into our hearts and find out our faults and failings and sins? If we do not get them out of our life they will bring trouble upon us in the year just gone.

You can write with lemon juice on a sheet of paper and when you have finished not a line will be visible. The writing sinks away and disappears. But if you expose the paper to the heat every letter will appear in bold, clear outline. So we write our life's record. We see no trace and all seems lost and forgotten. But some day every word will flash out. Nothing that we do fails to be recorded. In the judgment day every word and act will be brought out. Would we not better be honest enough then to look into our heart and see our faults and failing, and confess them to ourselves, and thus have some purpose of amendment as we set out on the new year's course?—*Forward.*

The mission field demands a higher qualification than the work of the practitioner at home, writes a missionary of Jaffa, Ceylon, in *Herald and Presbyter*. In many cases a missionary, face to face with a difficult case, can neither call in a consultant, send the case to the hospital nor hand it over to a specialist. He must, single-handed, undertake operations which no private practitioner at home would face, or leave his patient to die.—*Sel.*

## A LIVING YEAR.

Why cry so many voices, choked with tears,  
"The year is dead?" It rather seems to me  
Full of such rich and boundless life to be,  
It is a presage of the eternal years.  
Must it not live in us while we, too, live?  
Part of ourselves are now the joys it brought,  
Part of ourselves is, too, the good it wrought  
In days of darkness. Years to come may give  
Less conflict, less of pain, less doubt, dismay,  
A larger share of brightness than this last;  
But victory won in darkness that is past  
Is a possession that will far outweigh  
All we have lost. So let us rather cry,  
This year of grace still lives; it cannot die!  
—*Mary G. Slocum.*

"A good day does not always begin with a bright morning."

"Time is the warp of life. Oh, tell the young, the gay, the fair to weave it well!"

God does not ask where we have been, but wants to know where we are now.—*Ram's Horn.*

The church, comprehending all true believers, is the object of the Saviour's highest love. He loved the church, and gave himself for it.

Either cast your care (great or small) on him that careth for you, or cast it away from you altogether; if it be unfit for his sympathy it is unworthy of you.—*Chapman.*

The man only has learned to live rightly who takes with a smile the world's praise or blame, and with steady head and hand goes straight on with the work he has in hand.—*S. K. Bolton.*

To a great extent the influence of a Christian is determined by his devotion to the duties which his profession places upon him. Let him neglect these and his influence as a Christian is lost.

The agnostic makes his knowledge the measure of knowableness, assuming, with a most unwarranted combination of ignorance and impudence, that what he knows not, nobody knows.—*W. R. Alger.*

Observe the law of right and do it. Then the sunshine and the storm, the night and day, the heat and cold of life's discipline will foster and mature the grain for the garner in the sky.—*N. A. Staples.*

To believe in Him is to be like Him. All other faith is a mere mist of words dissolving into empty air. To live our human lives as He lived His—purely, lovingly, righteously—is to share His eternity.—*Lucy Larcom.*

O Lord, thy servants cry to thee,  
Sore troubled and dismayed;  
Thy answer comes across the sea,  
"Tis I; be not afraid."